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Claim 25. A method of preventing accretion of cuttings in a borehole, said method comprising the step of using a drilling fluid in accordance with claim 17 during a drilling operation.

REMARKS

The above amendments do not add any new matter. Favorable consideration of this application is requested. Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned by phone for prompt resolution of any outstanding issues. It is believed that no fee is due for this Preliminary Amendment, however, if such a fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge such fee, or credit overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1579(57.0291).

Respectfully submitted,



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